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A Penny for your Thoughts

Quizzical as to what troubles young people the most, the Pennies Photographer asked five youngsters, "What is your biggest problem?"

Mark Dunn, 3618 Newton St.:
"Girls are my biggest problem. Particularly my friend's sister because they pick on me all of the time. All girls are not mean. I know some that I like, but most girls are not okay."

Mike Laipple, 3618 1/2 Newton St.:
"My biggest problem is getting up in the morning. I really do not want to see school start because it means I have to get up early and I like to sleep. I guess I do not have any big problems."

Ross Dunn, 3618 Newton St.:
"School beginning will be a big problem. I wish summer were as long as school because I never get tired of summer. There is always something to do. I also do not want school to start because of history."

Brad Dunn, 3618 Newton St.:
"I think girls are my biggest problem. They are always teasing, tormenting and fighting and they think they are the boss of everything. The girls next door even think they are boss of my backyard."

Stephen Burke, Rolling Hills Estates:
"My biggest problems are my sisters—all three of them. They bother me. They sock me and it really hurts and I never hit them back because I am always laying on the floor. Sometimes they are a little mean to me."

Firemen Control Flames

Firemen battled a fire in a private garage at 3222 El Dorado St., early Saturday morning and quickly brought the blaze under control. Extensive damage was done, despite the quickness with which firemen worked.

Two engine companies, a truck company, and a salvage unit responded to the alarm at 5:20 a.m. Saturday. The garage was engulfed in flames when the fire department arrived on the scene, but the fire was brought under control in about five minutes.

Owner of the property is Thomas Coleman Jr. Two vehicles, a late model sedan and a pick up truck, were totally destroyed in the fire. The garage structure was also listed as a total loss.

An adjoining wall of the house was blistered by the heat, and a garage wall and roof on property adjoining the Coleman home were also damaged. No estimate of the loss was made by firemen.

Acting Battalion Chief Sam Dial, in charge of the operations, said the cause and origin of the fire was unknown. Because of the extensive damage, fire department officials estimate it will be some time before their investigation is completed.

Units returned to the central fire station about two hours after the fire was first reported.



GARAGE DESTROYED . . . An early morning fire destroyed the attached garage and two vehicles in the garage at the Thomas Coleman Jr. residence. The fire, located at 3222 El Dorado St., was reported at 5:20 a.m. Saturday. Firemen responded and quickly controlled the flames, but extensive damage was done. Also damaged were the garage wall and roof of the adjoining property. (Herald Photo)

He Likes His Drinks Strong

Randy Lou Queener will be drinking nothing but milk after a slight upset stomach sent him to a Torrance hospital Wednesday.

Randy, of 2346 W. 230th St., was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital to have his stomach pumped out after swallowing turpentine.

Randy's mother, Myrna Queener, told police she had been cleaning the bathroom porcelain with turpentine which she had in a small paper cup. Randy entered the bathroom, picked up the cup, and drank from it.

The 18-month-old youngster was treated at the hospital and sent home with his mother.

Council Chambers Serve As Division 5 Courtroom

A new division of the South Bay Municipal Court will set up shop Monday at 9 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in Torrance. The new court room will be presided over by a judge from Bakersfield.

The new division — number 5 — was necessitated by the overload of criminal cases before the South Bay Municipal Court. More than 200 persons now face trial on misdemeanors arising out of arrests at the Southwood Riviera Royale tract.

Trials were recessed Friday at noon, and judges devoted the afternoon to addressing prospective jurors. Both the

Division 3 Courtroom, where Judge William B. Keene is hearing the case of 23 of the CORE demonstrators, and the city council chambers were full with jury panel members.

Fifty-three defendants will begin trial tomorrow in three separate trials. Boris Wooley, a former City of Torrance prosecutor, has been hired to represent the city in Division 5.

Another 38 defendants go on trial Thursday and Friday. Meanwhile, the hearing on the permanent injunction being sought by the city to limit picketing at the Southwood tract has been continued to

Oct. 2. The temporary order will remain in force until the hearing.

Road Funds for Signals Approved

State highway funds for the improvement and modification of traffic signals in the Torrance and Lomita areas were apportioned to the County Road Department this week.

Approximately \$69,000 was earmarked for use in the installation or modernization of traffic signals on Pacific Coast Highway.

In addition to the state funds, the County will add \$57,000 to complete the work.

Goldwater Club To Raise Funds With Steak Fry

A fund-raising steak fry party will be held by the Californians for Goldwater on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 7 to 11 p.m. at 2001 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita.

Chairman John Manning has made arrangements for a program featuring honored guests, musical entertainment and dancing. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

Tickets may be reserved by calling FR 1-8407.

Chamber Proposes New Programs for Industry

Vigorous industrial promotion will be the focal point of an eight-point program soon to be presented to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors by the Chamber's Industrial Development Committee.

Expanded and accelerated effort in the field of industrial development is proposed by the committee as a top priority program for the Chamber during the coming fiscal year.

Recommendations came following a comprehensive study of the community's advantages and disadvantages with particular consideration given to Torrance's desirability as a location for new and expanded industry.

The committee's report indicates an increasing competition among cities for new and expanded plants—and the fact that lush years in industrial development have passed, make it imperative Torrance adopt

a new industrial promotion program.

In order to accelerate the city's industrial development, the committee will recommend:

- Constant effort to improve the area's competitive position relative to plant location factors such as water and sewer services, transportation services, highway and street traffic, fire and police protection, planning and zoning, public health and hospitals, housing, drainage, schools, taxes and legislation, cultural, recreation and sports, local government and the general community attitude toward industry.
- A concentrated effort to develop more industrial sites with complete facilities. Work to provide existing sites with whatever additional facilities might be needed. Promote industrial districts or parks, especially for prospects wanting small sites. Obtain and main-

tain protective zoning for industrial area.

- Maintain comprehensive information on plant location factors, including a complete site and building survey with up-to-date data on every available piece of property—either land or buildings.
- Maintain a list of industrial prospects by constant contact and work with public utilities, railroads, banks, other industries and others—such as county and state agencies—to keep an up-to-date prospect list.

- Organize and promote visits to potential prospects, recruit volunteers who will travel to various parts of the country and who are willing to call on potential prospects to supplement staff trips.
- Develop and plan a program of cooperative advertising. Secure cooperation of firms now doing national ad-

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Final Budget Expenditures \$9.1 Million

Ordinances setting the city tax rate for the 1963-64 fiscal year and adopting the budget of \$9,095,925 will be presented to the City Council Tuesday evening.

City Manager Wade E. Peebles will recommend that the tax rate be set at \$1.238 per \$100 assessed valuation. The tax rate has been held at the same figure for the third successive year, reports Peebles.

THE COUNCIL will also hear a request from the Chamber of Commerce that \$20,800 be restored to the city budget. The funds are normally used to finance a part of the chamber's activities.

Peebles reports that the city budget reflects a three per cent salary increase for city employees, and all changes made by the council since the preliminary budget was adopted. A surplus of nearly \$130,000 is anticipated.

THE CITY FATHERS will also conduct a formal hearing on the proposed Municipal Parking District Number 1. The area covered includes most of downtown Torrance. A hearing held July 30 was continued because of suggested changes in the land acquisition program.

Tuesday's hearing will be on a resolution authorizing the changes in land acquisition, and on the ordinance forming the parking district.

The council will convene at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

100 Youths Will Play In Concert

With the accent on variety and versatility, approximately 100 area youths will participate in a Combined Parks Concert this afternoon at the Torrance Park Bandshell at Arlington and Santa Fe.

The concert will begin at 2 p.m. with instrumentalists from all Torrance parks scheduled to participate. The event is sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Nine weeks of summer music sessions in the various park areas will be culminated by the seventh annual concert.

Special recognition will be given to the Fun Thru Music participants of the Torrance Recreation Center as well as to a specially selected city-wide group known as the All-Stars.

Included in the program will be marches, overtures, waltzes and novelty numbers.

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TUNING UP . . . Torrance Recreation Department will present the annual "Combined Parks Concert" today in the Torrance Park Bandshell. Shown here getting ready for the seventh annual concert are John Valles and Randy Hunter. The two boys are part of a 100-instrument band that will strike the first cords at 2 p.m.

Vacationers Injured in Auto Crash

A vacationing Florida family and their granddaughter suffered minor injuries in a rear-end collision Friday morning.

Fred Lube Sr., 59, his wife Juanita, and a 16-year-old granddaughter were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. All three complained of pains in the neck and back.

The accident occurred about 10:45 a.m. Friday near Artesia Boulevard and Yukon Avenue. The second car was driven by Thomas Philip Hampton, 31, of 17575 Yukon Ave. Both cars suffered moderate damage.

A 44-YEAR-OLD Palos Verdes resident also suffered injuries in a two-car collision about 10 a.m. Wednesday on Hawthorne Avenue south of Torrance Boulevard.

Helen Soloman, who told police she would go to a private physician, suffered minor injuries. The second car was driven by Molly Yoshiko Kikawa, 33, of 443 E. 214th St.

FOUR PERSONS were injured when their car collided with a utility pole on 230th Street east of Hawthorne Avenue.

Carol Jean Grumstad, 16, of 22727 Anza, driver of the car, and her passengers, Mary Grumstad, 14, Linda Marsh, 15, of 22901 Anza Ave., and Karen Throbridge of 3430 W. 228th St., suffered minor injuries.

Police also reported a rash of non-injury accidents throughout the city on Friday.

Youth Hangs Self While Friends Bowl

A 19-year-old boy who had been staying with friends in Torrance hanged himself Friday evening while the friends were bowling.

Dead is Gary Dale Slaughter, who apparently stood on a wooden produce crate to slip the rope around his neck. His body was found by Laurence Randazzo, 37, of 2162 W. 235th St., about 11 p.m.

Randazzo told officers who were summoned to the scene that he, a girlfriend, Peggy Greene, and his daughter, Linda, had left Slaughter watching television about 7 p.m. Slaughter was fashioning a hangman's noose while watching television, but had given no indication he meant to use it.

The three returned from a bowling party about 11 p.m. and found the back door open. Randazzo discovered the body and cut it down with the help of Peggy Greene.

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